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Dear Calfed:

I am providing this comment on your draft EIS/EIR. Also, please add my name to your mailing list.

I would like Calfed to build a salmon ladder over Folsom dam. I believe this would contribute to your goal of ecosystem restoration. I have watched the American River salmon runs, and they are obviously a dead end for most salmon. I've seen many salmon beat their heads against the steel bars at the Natomas fish hatchery. I've even seen them swim up a small drain pipe with only about an inch of water in desperation, but they are only washed out again. It seems like poor stewardship on our part.

I have looked around Folsom dam, and there appears to be a good location for a salmon ladder on the south side of the dam, leading up to the dam road. I have also seen the salmon ladders on the Columbia River at the Bonneville dam, built by the federal government in an effort to maintain the huge salmon runs on that river. American river salmon runs are much smaller, but the work needed to construct a ladder over Folsom dam would be far less than that needed to manage salmon on the Columbia. I would like the federal (and State) government to recognize some responsibility for stewardship of our salmon runs also.

Yours truly

